

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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KAWABATA, et al.

Art Unit: 2818

Application No.: 09/994,610

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Atty Docket No. 100353-00086

For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 30, 2002

Sir:

The Office Action dated August 30, 2002 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

In the Office Action, prosecution of the above-identified application was restricted to one of the following five inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-6, which claim a semiconductor device, including: signal lines ..., a drive circuit ..., the operating mode including a dynamic operation mode ...;

Group II: Claims 7-9, which claim a semiconductor device, including: signal lines ..., a circuit precharging ...;

Group III: Claim 10, which claims a semiconductor device, including: a signal line ..., first and second transistors ..., a drive circuit ..., the first operating mode needing precharging of the signal line ...;

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Group IV: Claims 11-12, which claim a semiconductor device, including: signal lines ..., first transistor ..., a circuit causing ... whether the signals transferred are high or low in a second operating mode;

Group V: Claims 13-16, which claim a semiconductor device, including: an internal circuit ..., first signal lines ..., a second signal line..., a drive circuit ..., and a precharge circuit ... Additionally, in claims 14-15, a logic circuit ... and test operating mode are respectively claimed; and

Group VI: Claims 17-20, which claim a semiconductor device, including: an internal circuit ..., first signal lines ..., a second signal line ..., a drive circuit ..., and a precharge circuit ... Additionally, in claims 18 and 19, drive circuit comprises transistors ... and drive circuit comprises logic controlling circuit are respectively claimed.

Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, depicted in claims 1-6, without traverse. Applicants therefore respectfully request timely consideration on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

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In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 100353-00086.

Respectfully submitted,



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